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SUBJ: TIMOR ROUNDUP: JUNE SUMMIT; NEW PARTY

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1. SUMMIT: GOP COMMUNIQUE OF MAY 20 ANNOUNCED SUMMIT MEETING IN MACAU ON JUNE 15 WITH TIMORESE APODETI AND FRETELIN/UDT COALITION. ANNOUNCEMENT COMES ON HEELS OF APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL MISSION BY AMBASSADOR-AT LARGE VITOR ALVES TO TIMOR (REFTEL).

2. NEW PARTY: A NEW TIMORESE POLITICAL PARTY, KOTA (KLIBUR OAN TIMUR ASWAIN) HAS BEEN LAUNCHED. PARTY SPOKESMAN TOMAS XIMENES SAID IN MAY 19 PRESS INTERVIEW THAT KOTA SEEKS AN INDEPENDENT TIMOR BASED ON TRADITIONAL VALUES AND CLOSE RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA. KOTA DOES NOT ACCEPT PORTUGUESE, CHINESE OR INDIANS AS TRUE TIMORESE. XIMENES SAID KOTA PLANS ON BECOMING THE FIRST LEGAL POLITICAL PARTY IN TIMOR BY GATHERING 5,000 SIGNATURES REQUIRED BY GOP.

3. REPORT TO AFM ASSEMBLY: ACCORDING TO MAY 26 ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM) COMMUNIQUE, MEETING OF AFM ASSEMBLY HEARD A REPORT BY VITOR ALVES ON HIS MISSION TO
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TIMOR AND THE FAR EAST. ALTHOUGH SUBSTANCE OF REPORT

NOT DESCRIBED IN COMMUNIQUE, WE UNDERSTAND ALVES CLAIMED
SUCCESS IN NEXT STEP IN TIMORESE DECOLONIZATION.

4. COMMENT: GOP SEEMS TO HAVE OVERCOME OPPOSITION ON PART
OF MORE MILITANT MEMBERS OF FRETILIN IN OBTAINING AGREEMENT FOR
FRETILIN TO SIT WITH APODETI AT SAME TABLE TO NEGOTIATE
TIMORESE INDEPENDENCE.

5. JOSE MARTINS, AUTHOR OF KOTA PROGRAM, TOLD EMBOFF GOAL
OF KOTA IS INDEPENDENT TIMOR RULED ON TRIBAL BASIS WITH FULL
COOPERATION FROM JAKARTA. MARTINS LAST SUMMER CLAIMED SUPPORT
FROM TIMORESE ROYAL CHIEFS COMMANDING "100,000 SPEARS." KOTA
PROBABLY DOES HAVE LINKS WITH NATIVE CHIEFTANS IN TIMOR, BUT
ORGANIZATIONAL ABILITY OF MARTINS IS QUESTIONABLE.
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